

CITY AND DISTRICT.

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IN BEHALF OF THE INDIANS.

An immense meeting at the Congressional Church—Many Speeches Made.

Not only was every seat occupied in the first Congressional church last night, but there was scarcely any standing room that was not taken up. From the doors nearly up to the platform the aisles were filled with people. All along the sides of the church there were lines of people, and even the platform stairs were filled. The galleries were packed as if there had been done by an electric fan, a carload of people. This great audience had assembled to see the Sioux Indians and hear about their wrongs. Whether it was curiosity to see the red men from the west or a desire to listen to their tale of woe that was the main motive in bringing the audience together is hard to say, but a difficult question for the police of the World's Indian National Association, under whose auspices the meeting was held, to answer. At any rate those who were admitted to the platform looked with satisfaction over the sea of faces.

THE INDIANS SLEPT AND AWOKED.

The Indians seemed to be interested in the audience also. They were seated in rows on the enlarged platform and appeared to be very much interested in the proceedings. It was the case during the earlier part of the evening, but as the hands of the clock turned toward 10 o'clock some of the Indians yawned and stretched, and a few of them closed their eyes and went to sleep. No one disturbed them except when their snoring became rather annoying. Congress had no representative on the platform in the person of Senator Dawes. Prof. Blackford presided at the opening of the meeting, and the speaker of the church, made some brief introductory remarks, during which he stated that the object of the meeting was to draw attention to the wrongs of the Indian situation. He expressed the hope that the evil and injustice complained of in the treatment of the red men would be speedily remedied.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS GIVES HIS VIEWS.

Gen. Morgan, the commissioner of Indian affairs, was the first speaker. He was of the opinion that Indians were unnecessary and he did not believe that there was any just occasion for their retention in the United States. He favored educating the Indians so as to provide them with the means of earning their living, and of looking out for their own interests. He said that the government was engaged in the recent disturbances and that great progress had been made in civilizing the Indians. He said that the government was dealing with the Indians as with children, and that the white men on the frontier, they said the Indians were wicked and that they were the cause of all the trouble on the frontier. He said that the government was dealing with the Indians as with children, and that the white men on the frontier, they said the Indians were wicked and that they were the cause of all the trouble on the frontier.

WHAT REV. MR. COOK SAID.

The next speaker was Rev. Mr. Cook, an Episcopal minister at Pine Ridge, who attributed the recent disturbances to the dissatisfaction with the failure of the government to carry out the agreements of 1868, 1876 and 1883. He believed that the government was not doing its duty in the selection of their agents, and that the subordinate positions should be given to the Indians. He said that the government was dealing with the Indians as with children, and that the white men on the frontier, they said the Indians were wicked and that they were the cause of all the trouble on the frontier.

ABRAHAM NEWBATH AND SEVERAL OTHER INDIANS MADE BRIEF SPEECHES.

Abraham Newbath and several other Indians made brief speeches and then Miss Grace Howell, who has been a teacher among the Sioux, spoke of the efforts made to educate the red men in education, but she thought that the government was being done for the improvement of the condition of the Indians and made a strong appeal that justice should mark the Indian policy. The meeting then came to a close.

FINED FOR THROWING STONES.

Judge Miller is Determined to Break Up This Dangerous Practice.

A dozen or more small boys were called upon in the Police Court this morning to answer a charge of throwing stones. There was only one colored boy in the crowd and he seemed to have got there by mistake, for when the boys were taken to the court, he was the only one to be treated the colored boy went with them and the result was that he also had to go with them to court. Some of the boys attend St. Joseph's school, while the others go to the Carberry school. Almost every day for the past few weeks the boys have been engaged in throwing stones, and the danger and annoyance of the citizens who live near these school houses.

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AGAINST FINE SILVER.

The House Coinage Committee Hold a Night Session.

The House coinage committee held a hearing last night at the Biagi House to a delegation from Philadelphia and another from the New York State legislature. The committee was holding the pending free coinage bill. Mr. Frederick Fraley of Philadelphia, president of the national board of trade, and Mr. McKean of the Philadelphia Bar, the latter briefly, expressed their views.

THE SUGGESTION OF MR. FRALEY A LETTER WAS READ ON THE SUBJECT OF FREE COINAGE.

The suggestion of Mr. Fraley a letter was read on the subject of free coinage. Mr. Robert Patterson of Philadelphia, the grand son of the director of the mint under President Jefferson and an acknowledged financial authority. He took the ground that no special harm would result from the free coinage of silver, but that it would be a great advantage to the country with either gold or silver as a money basis, but with two standards, one of the other must give a premium and thus destroy the monetary equilibrium. Mr. Charles D. Smith, the president of the New York chamber of commerce, addressed the committee. He said that the organization of which he was president was the oldest commercial institution in the United States. It was a non-political body, but the two parties, he thought, being equally represented. Yet the chamber by a very large majority was agreed as to the pending bill. He believed that the chamber was a representative body, and that it was the duty of the government to listen to the suggestions of the people of the entire state of New York. Mr. Smith read a long letter from Hon. Charles H. Kew, who, though a silver-mining owner himself, and a member of the great danger from the passage of the pending measure. He said he believed in silver to a certain point and just so long as the silver is not passed that drives gold to a premium. He expressed the fear that that line would be passed before money was made in the next rate of coinage. The danger line will be passed when balance in bank will be lost. Mr. Smith said that in his opinion there was no danger in the currency in the country today. Money could be had on call by any person with proper security, and that the country was not in any danger from the passage of the bill. The committee adjourned.

PICTURES FOR THE CORCORAN GALLERY.

At the Seneca arts in New York last night "The Fall of the Athenian Walls" was purchased for the Corcoran Art Gallery in this city for \$1,000. Nine pictures were sold and brought \$116,677.

ALEXANDRIA.

THE ALEXANDRIAN MEETING.

The district grange of northern Virginia is now in session at the Braddock House. J. B. Bowman presides and A. J. Wedderburn is secretary. Representatives are expected from Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William and Alexandria. The business of the grange is to discuss the relations to the details of the work of the order.

CORPORATION COURTS.

The corporation courts sit during a portion of each day, but business is slow coming in. Alexandrians are not disposed to litigation. The court will close its term in a few days. On the prolate side, J. C. Lucas has been appointed guardian of his children, John C. Lucas and Emma S. Lucas.

A SMALL HOUSE BURNED.

The third ward fire alarm was given last night at a fire at the corner of Francis and Patrick streets, where a small house occupied by a colored family named Jones was burned. The fire was caused by sparks from the stove and did not extend, though the neighborhood is made up of small houses.

L. O. G. T. LECTURE.

Mrs. Jessie Starr Keefe of Ontario, Canada, the lecturer and organizer of the "Right Womanly Grange, L. O. G. T. of the World," will deliver a public lecture at the M. E. Church on Friday evening, Feb. 14, at 8 o'clock. The meeting is under the auspices of Tallman Lodge, No. 744, L. O. G. T. The subject will be "The Rights of the Woman of the United States." I shall not be able to attend and address the meeting, as you request, but I am anxious to see the business interests of New York at last to be heard on the subject. It is not necessary for me to make a formal expression of my agreement with those who believe that the greatest peril would be inflicted by the adoption of the scheme embraced in the measure now pending in Congress for an unincorporated grange. If we have developed an unexpected capacity for the assimilation of a largely increased volume of the currency, and even if we have demonstrated the usefulness of such an increase, these conditions fall far short of insuring us against disaster, if in the present situation we enter the grange movement, we shall be exposed to unlimited and independent silver coinage. Yours, very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

STUDENT DEATH.

Col. Llewellyn Hoxton of the Episcopal High School held at that institution this morning. Col. Llewellyn was a native of this city, a graduate of West Point, but at the outbreak of the war resigned and went south, where he commanded the artillery of Hardie's division of the Confederate army. He was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. His wife, Mrs. Llewellyn, and his children, Col. G. W. Brent and Maj. J. W. Green of this city were also at the funeral.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. ANDREW J. NICHOLSON.

The funeral of Mr. Andrew J. Nicholson, flagman on the Midland railway, took place this afternoon from his home on Fayette street near the Midland depot. A number of friends and associates attended, and the railroad shops were closed. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock. The Alexandria Medical Association will give its twenty-fifth complimentary rehearsal tonight at the Washington Monument. The object of the rehearsal is to draw attention to the wrongs of the Indian situation. He expressed the hope that the evil and injustice complained of in the treatment of the red men would be speedily remedied.

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MR. CLEVELAND'S SILVER VIEWS.

He Regards Unlimited Coinage as a Recipe for Disaster and was loudly applauded.

A large meeting of business men attended the last meeting at Cooper Union in New York last night to oppose the silver bill, in response to the call of the Reform Club. Charles S. Fairchild, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, non-representative of the Reform Club, presided at the meeting and he was elected by acclamation. Mr. Fairchild spoke strongly and interestingly against the passage of the free coinage of silver, giving manifold reasons why it should not become a law. He declared that the value of silver coinage would be increased and pressed, and predicted ruin and privation following in the wake of the passage of the silver bill. A committee of ten members of the Reform Club was appointed by Mr. Anderson to go to Washington and oppose the passage of the silver bill.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER, FROM EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, WAS READ:

816 MADISON AVENUE, FEB. 13, 1891.

E. ELKEY ANDERSON, Esq.:

My Dear Sir: I have this afternoon received your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the proposed meeting called for the purpose of voicing the opposition of the business men of our city to the silver bill of the United States. I shall not be able to attend and address the meeting, as you request, but I am anxious to see the business interests of New York at last to be heard on the subject. It is not necessary for me to make a formal expression of my agreement with those who believe that the greatest peril would be inflicted by the adoption of the scheme embraced in the measure now pending in Congress for an unincorporated grange. If we have developed an unexpected capacity for the assimilation of a largely increased volume of the currency, and even if we have demonstrated the usefulness of such an increase, these conditions fall far short of insuring us against disaster, if in the present situation we enter the grange movement, we shall be exposed to unlimited and independent silver coinage. Yours, very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING THE SILVER BILL WERE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

THE OPTIONAL ENDOWMENT SYSTEM.

What Principally Occupied the District Grand Lodge, B'nai B'rith, Yesterday.

The twenty-second biennial session of the District Grand Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith was concluded yesterday in Baltimore. The next meeting will be held in March. Gen. G. nearly the whole morning and part of the afternoon, presiding over the session. The consideration of a part of the report of the committee on the endowment fund. The special feature advocated the optional endowment system for new members—that is, to join the order and pay the regular dues without being compelled to subscribe to the endowment, or widows and orphans' benefit fund. This they have to do. The committee on the endowment fund of the order and would not share in its insurance benefits. This being a change in the laws of the order, it required a two-thirds majority to carry it, and, accordingly, this was at first lost, but after several reconsiderations and carried. The committee also proposed that the assessment for the endowment fund be increased from \$10 to \$15, which the present tax of \$15 was too small and would in a comparatively short time result in a small majority of the delegates and as strongly opposed by the remainder. Failing to secure a two-thirds majority it was lost, and although considered by the order, no action was taken.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD ROUTE.

The Senate was considering bills on the calendar. The first one was the Senate bill to define the route of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the District. "Let that bill go on the other calendar," said Mr. Dixon. "It cannot be considered until the five-minute rule." So the bill went over.

THE GIRLS' REFORM SCHOOL BUILDING.

The other local bill was one which provides for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school for the girls' reform school of the District. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Henry King, S. L. Auerbach, Aaron Haas and Elms Rosenberg, Jr., to represent it at the offered Government Grounds in Chicago, to be on duty at Shufeldt's distillery in Chicago, a bribe to blow up the distillery with dynamite.

GIBSON'S DYNAMITE PLOT.

Details of the Attempt to Bribe Governor Gauger Dewar.

The details of the charge of attempted bribery on the part of George J. Gibson, secretary of the whisky trust, whose arrest was telegraphed to yesterday's STAR, are quite sensational as it was promised they would be. Mr. Gibson, a statement, says that from the beginning of the negotiations powerful influence were working on both sides against peace. "I am not a party to any of these negotiations," he said, "and I am not a party to any of these negotiations."

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